Discovery of copper Indium sulphide reserves in Haryana

1892. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rare mineral called copper Indium sulphide has been found in the Bhiwani district in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of the deposits found?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SMT. RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Occurrences of a rare mineral called Copper Indium Sulphide has been discovered by Mineral Exploration Corporation, in association with other minerals, in the Tosham deposits of Bhiwani district, Haryana.

(b) and (c) As the work is still in progress, the quantity of the deposit will be assessed, and any details thereof be available, only after completion of the work in the area.

Cost of production of wheat, rice etc.

1893. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts of the Chander Shekhar Azad Agricultural University, Kanpur have worked out the cost of production of rice as Rs. 168.12 ; wheat Rs. 223.16 and sugarcane Rs. 26.33 in their report for the year 1985;

(b) whether the cost of production of these products has been calculated by the newly reconstituted Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission for the above period; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure agriculture to be remunerative in the light of these reports and what are the present procurement prices of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Ministry of Agriculture has not received the Report of the Experts of the Chander Shekhar Azad Agricultural University, Kanpur, giving the cost of production of rice, wheat and sugarcane for 1985.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Estimates of cost of cultivation/production of agricultural commodities, including rice, wheat and sugarcane are generated under the comprehensive scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture since 1970-71 in different States of the country on a continuing basis through 16 agricultural/general universities. The cost estimates are furnished to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for recommending procurement/minimum support prices of agricultural commodities to Government.

The main objective of the Government is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers while fixing minimum support / procurement prices. These prices cover the cost of production and provide adequate margin to farmers as incentive for increasing production and adopting modern agricultural technology. The procurement/minimum support prices fixed for paddy and wheat for 1985-86 are Rs. 142, Rs. 162 per quintal respectively. The statutory minimum price fixed for sugarcane for 1985-86 is Rs. 16.50 per quintal.

जन जातियों/पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में पेय जल की आपूर्ति

1894. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :**
श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला :
श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1-1-1985 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश

के पर्वतीय, रेगिस्तानी और जनजातियों वाले क्षेत्रों में सुरक्षित पेय जल की दृष्टि से समस्यापूर्ण बस्तियां कितनी-कितनी थी और 1-1-1986 तक उनमें से कितनी बस्तियों में पेय जल की व्यवस्था कर दी गयी ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : छठी योजना के प्रारम्भ में सारे देश में 2.31 लाख गांवों को समस्याग्रस्त गांव माना गया था । इनमें से 1.92 लाख समस्याग्रस्त गांवों को छठी योजनावधि में शामिल किया गया था और शेष 0.39 लाख समस्याग्रस्त गांवों को सातवीं योजना में शामिल किया जाएगा । नए समस्याग्रस्त गांवों का पता लगाने के लिए राज्य भी सर्वेक्षण कर रहे हैं । प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार वर्ष 1985-86 में (दिसम्बर, 1985 तक) 18444 समस्याग्रस्त गांवों के लिए पेय जल सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था की गई है ।

Report on the Minority Commission

1895. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minority Commission has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, whether this report will be placed on the Table of the House; and

(c) whether the Commission has come out with specific recommendation for the economic and social achievement of minorities or it has collected some data about the economic and social conditions of minorities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Minorities Commission has so far submitted six annual reports for the year 1978, 1979, 1980, 1-1-81 to 31-3-82, 1-4-82 to 31-3-83 and 1-4-83 to 31-3-84. The first four Annual Reports together with the Action Taken Memorandum on the various recommendations made in the report, have already been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 9-7-80, 22-12-80, 5-8-82 and 10-5-84. The Fifth and Sixth Annual Reports submitted to the Government by the Minorities Commission on 7-2-85 and 3-10-85, respectively are under examination by the Government and will be laid on the Table of the House alongwith the Action Taken Memorandum containing the comments of the Govt. soon after the compietion of examination. Recommendations made by the Minorities Commission in the first four Annual Reports have been mentioned in the Action Taken Memoranda already laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Tax collection at octroi check posts

1896. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the octroi and other check-posts in the country cause wastage of 15 per cent of total fuel consumption worth Rs. 450 crores due to the obstruction of free flow of goods and vehicles;

(b) what is the amount of collection of taxes at octroi and other check posts; and

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to abolish such check-posts or are taking any remedial measures; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.